

To the Members of the California State Senate:

Protecting the health and safety of Californians is my highest priority. For that reason, I am proud to sign Senate Bill 1759 into law.

This bill is an important component of my Administration's efforts to better protect California's patients and consumers of services provided by close to half a million facilities and professionals, including child care providers, nursing homes, certified nurse assistants, and hospitals, licensed by departments within the Health and Human Services Agency. SB 1759 will provide licensing programs additional tools to increase accountability, improve data sharing and enhance public safety protections by conducting criminal background checks before specified providers can work with vulnerable populations. These actions are part of a multi-year, comprehensive reform effort to increase health and safety protections, modernize licensing business systems and maximize the use of program resources.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger